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TITLE OF INVENTION

HYDROGEL, WHICH CAN BE PHOTOSTRUCTURED IN CONTACT EXPOSURE AND WHICH HAS LINKER GROUPS

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3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39 (1).
4. ☒ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
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 - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). **WO 2004/021001 A1**
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 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith.
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7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
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8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

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11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98-1449, International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210), International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409, PCT/IPEA/416), German Translation Aid and PTO Form 1449 w/ Listing Four (4) References
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
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Stellen angegeben.

(The claims are stated herein which refer to the relevant positions recited in
column 2.)

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